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SUBJECT: TORONTO STAR SAYS SOME JAPANESE CRITICISMS VALID

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1. LEAD EDITORIAL IN SEPTEMBER 29 TORONTO STAR "LESSONS FROM THE JAPANESE" STATED THAT "IT WOULD BE WISE FOR CANADIANS TO HEED THIS (JAPANESE) CRITIQUE WITHOUT TAKING IT ALL AS GOSPEL TRUTH." IT SAID THAT WHILE CANADIAN LABOR FORCE ONE OF MOST PRODUCTIVE IN WORLD, IT IS OVERPAID, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE OF HIGHER US PRODUCTIVITY. THE STAR CLAIMED THAT WHILE STRIKES HAVE CAUSED LESS LOST TIME THAN IN PREVIOUS YEAR, CANADA STILL UNLIKELY MATCH INDUSTRIAL HARMONY OF JAPAN. IT STATED CANADIAN BUSINESS AND CONSUMER TAXES HIGHER THAN US BUT LOWER THAN SOME WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

2. STAR CONTINUED THAT "AS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROLS, CANADA NEEDN'T AND SHOULDN'T TAKE AS ITS MODEL THE COUNTRY THAT PIONERRED THE MINAMATA DISEASE FROM MERCURY POLLUTION." IT STATED THAT CRITICISM OF FOREIGN INVESTMENT SCREENING
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UNFOUNDED IN VIEW HIGH APPROVAL RECORD OF REVIEW AGENCY AND EVEN MORE RESTRICTIVE JAPANESE FOREIGN INESTMENT RULES.

3. STAR CONCLUDED THAT VALID JAPANESE CRITICISMS REFER TO CONDITIONS WHICH DETER FOREIGN AND MORE IMPORTAND, DOMESTIC INVESTMENT. THE PAPER ADVOCATED STIMULUS SUCH AS LOWER TAXES BUT WITH VOLUNTARY LABOR-MANAGEMENT CONTROLS AS WAGES AND

PRICES OR, IN THEIR ABSENCE, GOVERNMENT-IMPOSED CONTROLS.

4. EDITORIAL CARTOON SHOWED PREMIER DAVIS IN COCKPIT
DIVING PLANE MARKED "ONTARIO TRADE MISSION", PILOTED BY TOP-
HATTED JAPANESE. CAPTION WAS "KAMIKAZE."

5. STORY IS STILL GETTING STEADY BUT LESS PROMINENT MEDIA
ATTENTION WITH OPPOSITION PARTIES QUESTIONING EXPENSE OF
TRADE MISSION. PREMIER'S ATTENTION TO DOMESTIC ECONOMY, ETC.
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